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Libraries Introduce Information Commons -

The Dunbar Library unveiled its new Information Commons in Winter Quarter. Designed to incorporate CaTS, more computers, and various group study options, the Commons includes:

- ♦ A new, expanded Information Desk featuring a lower service area to accommodate wheelchairs
- ♦ A new, expanded Computing and Telecommunications Services (CaTS) service desk offering Laptops2Go and immediate technical assistance



Brainstorming Table

- ♦ Reference book collections interspersed among seating areas
- ♦ New seating and study areas including "brainstorming tables" -- circular tables with room for four people around a spinning whiteboard -
- ♦ Four new workstations for small groups -- computers mounted on swivel arms; a moveable whiteboard
- ♦ Twelve additional computers

The completed Information Commons is a one-stop service center for students **needing** reference and



Additional Computers

computer assistance. The additional group study areas also address collaborative needs for class projects.

Students have embraced the new area and the tables and computers are rarely empty. Stop by the Dunbar second floor to see the latest addition to the Libraries' services.



Group Workstation

A Note from the University Librarian

Dr. Stephen P. Foster



Photo by WSU Center for Teaching & Learning

Change your world at your Libraries” is the theme for this year’s National Library Week. This is a slogan I can enthusiastically endorse because what libraries offer are books, journals and other major projects of the human mind that really do have the potential to change those who encounter them.

Certainly, this is one reason, I hope, that brings students to the libraries. What they read and, ultimately, what they learn changes their view of the world. Of course my own world has been changed significantly over the years by the books I have read. This is perhaps one of the main reasons I was drawn to becoming a librarian.

Libraries themselves are in a major state of change, largely because of developments in information technology. One of the most visible and obvious changes is the near ubiquity of computers. Computing has made it possible for libraries

to offer more to their patrons than ever imagined. Recent renovations on the Dunbar Library second floor reflect some major changes with the addition of new computers and the removal of stacks that contained materials duplicated electronically. The result is more computers and more open space blessed by natural light.

Also, Computing & Telecommunications Services (CaTS) staff have been ensconced on the second floor of Dunbar Library and are now loaning laptop computers to WSU students. This has been an extremely popular service because a number of WSU students do not own a personal computer and this service enables them to have their own – temporarily – to do their work in the library or elsewhere on campus. Laptop checkouts will soon be done in the Fordham Library as well.

The expansion of computing and computing services within the traditional library moves library services toward what is now called “The Information Commons,” a term that captures the notion of the library being a place where users can come and find both library and computing support to help them “change their world at the library.”

Celebrate National Library Week 2006 on April 2-8 -

The theme of “Change Your World @ Your Libraries” comes to the WSU Libraries for the American Library Association’s National Library Week April 2-8. Join the WSU Libraries for its events centered around this theme: a Friends’ lecture, exhibits, and Children’s Story Hour.

Dr. Bonnie Mathies, associate dean for the College of Education and Human Services, is the featured speaker for the Friends of the Libraries’ Lecture Series 5:30-7:00 pm Tuesday, April 4 (details in article below). An exhibit in Dunbar Library throughout Spring Quarter will illustrate the evolution of Libraries from the card catalog to laptop computers. Another

exhibit promotes the Friends of the Libraries and its membership. Finally, the MiniU preschoolers will visit the Dunbar fourth floor for Story Hour with Mrs. FlutterButter 9:00-11:00 am Friday, April 7.

National Library Workers Day takes place April 4 along with National Library Week. Take a moment to thank the Libraries’ staff helping you to check out books, find research databases, and keeping the collections and services up and running.

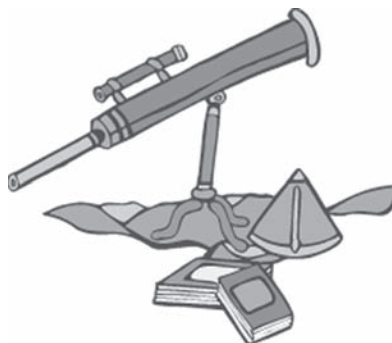
The American Library Association sponsors National Library Week annually to promote community and academic libraries.

Friends of the Libraries’ Lecture Series

“Change Your World Through Your Libraries” April 4

Wright State University Friends of the Libraries and the College of Education & Human Services welcome Bonnie Mathies presenting, “Change Your World Through Your Libraries” 5:30-7:00 pm Tuesday, April 4, in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library.

Dr. Mathies is a professor and Associate Dean for the College of Education and Human Services. She serves on the Washington Twp.-Centerville Public Library Board and is a knowledgeable advocate for academic and public libraries. Her theme for this talk goes with the National



Library Week theme of “Change Your World @ Your Library” being celebrated April 2-8.

Dr. Mathies will address the future for libraries as they face challenges and role changes in both campus and community settings. Learn how these challenges affect the community as well as you and your family.

A reception of book-themed refreshments will follow the talk. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is requested by April 3 by calling (937) 775-2380 or online at www.libraries.wright.edu/about/events.

Six Receive Winter Qtr. Library Student Assistant Awards -

Six students received Spring Quarter '06 Library Student Assistant Awards March 7 in Dunbar Library:

- ♦Clint Clark
- ♦Nicole DeVendra
- ♦Heather Gilbert
- ♦Tierra Knox -
- ♦LeAnn Meyer -
- ♦Ken McVeagh -

The Library Student Assistant Awards program began in 1995. Since that time, 188 awards have been presented totaling \$79,650. Many students are repeat recipients and can receive the award up to five times within a five-year period.

The Winter Quarter Selection Committee consisted of Angelia Hopkins and Jack Lewis from the Friends of the Libraries' Board; and Ximena Chrisagis, Tamra McCleskey, and Sheila Shellabarger representing the Libraries' staff and administration. The awards are funded through contributions from the Libraries' staff and the Friends of the Libraries.



Receiving Library Student Assistant Awards for Winter Quarter were (from left) Ken McVeagh, LeAnn Meyer, Heather Gilbert, and Nicole DeVendra. Not pictured are Clint Clark and Tierra Knox.

"Team Brown" Wins First University Cup Challenge

The University Libraries united with the Center for Teaching & Learning and Computing & Telecommunications Services as the winning Team Brown for the first University Cup Challenge sponsored by the WSU Fitness & Wellness Committee. Points were awarded for participation in campus activities held throughout Winter Quarter.

The Libraries' staff was an integral

part of Team Brown's success. They maximized points awarded for individual workouts at the Student Union Fitness Center, team and individual triathalons, the WSU Quiz Bowl, the Climbing Tower, and two lecture components.

The Challenge is built around the Wellness Wheel components of physical, mental, spiritual, financial, family, social, and career.

The Challenge was coordinated by Chris Erwin, WSU Assistant Director of

Campus Rec, and graduate student Amber Gullett.

Special thanks go to Team Brown individual triathletes Maureen Barry, Will Davis, Sue Polanka, Mike Smith, and Frank Wolz; team triathletes Beth Anderson, Mary Healea, Maggie Perry, and Will Rillo; and Quiz Bowl brains Mary Lou Baker-Jones, Karen Kimber, Bruce Stiver, Chris Watson, Jane Wildermuth, and Mandy Wilson.

Staff News

Marty Jenkins, Head of Technical Services, attended the Music Library Association Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, on Feb. 22-25, and serves on the editorial board for the association's journal, *Notes*.

Web Developer Vishwam Annam published a chapter titled, "What are Relational Databases, and Why Should I Care?" in the *MyLibrary* manual, <http://dewey.library.nd.edu/mylibrary/manual/ch/ch16.html>.

Vishwam and Health Sciences Librarian Alison Aldrich collaborated on a publication titled, "MyLibrary and Campus Portal: a case study" in the *MyLibrary* manual, http://dewey.library.nd.edu/mylibrary/manual/ch/ch14.html#case_cp.

Sue Polanka, Head of Reference &

Instruction for Dunbar Library, is on the 2006 Academic Libraries Association of Ohio (ALAO) Conference Planning Committee.

Sue and Maureen Barry, Social Sciences Librarian, are writing chapters for an upcoming reference book titled, *Reference Sources for Small and Medium Sized Libraries*, an annotated bibliography of recommended reference sources. Maureen is writing the Sports chapter while Sue is writing the Home and Family chapter.

Lake Campus Librarian Alex Pittman was interviewed about library vs. general internet resources for the March 3 edition of the *Celina Daily Standard*.

Account Technician Kathy Hennessy presented two performances of Moroccan Shikhat dance for the Sandstorm show at the Schuster Performing Arts Center in Dayton Jan. 20-21. She also wrote an article for the program booklet.

Staff Changes



Changes

- Mary Healea, Senior Library Associate for Dunbar Library Course Reserves, formerly LAN Analyst



Good-bye Retirements

- Roma Carter, Account Technician
- Bonnie VandenBos, Senior Library Associate, Reserves & Circulation

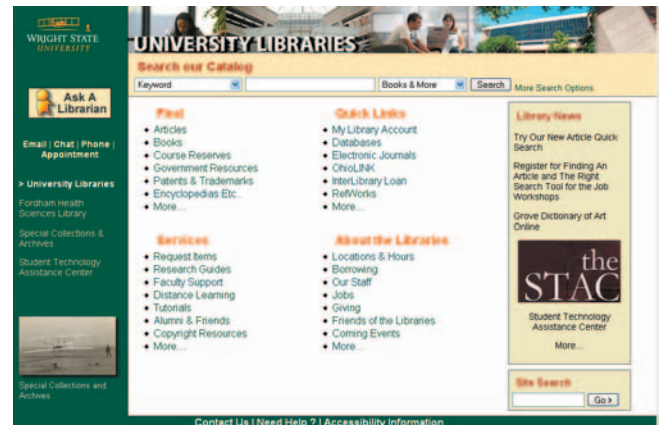
Libraries Present New Home- and Catalog Pages -

Several months of careful consideration and thought have resulted in a new look for the University Libraries' homepage and catalog web site, plus a separate homepage for Fordham Health Sciences Library.

The redesign is in response to feedback from users indicating preferences for a lighter, brighter homepage with less visual clutter and more efficient use of space. To create a more functional page to meet the needs of library users, the Libraries' Web Team compared the WSU Libraries' homepage to other library sites and sought advice on the design process from library web teams at other universities. Changes include:

- ♦Moving the four main categories (*Find*, *About*, *Services*, and *Quicklinks*) to the central portion of the screen.
- ♦Using vertical lists to increase visibility of needed information.
- ♦Adding a navigation bar on the left side directing users to four different library locations: *UL Home*, *Fordham Health Sciences Library*, *Special Collections and Archives*, and *STAC*.
- ♦A more direct outlet to present specialized health sciences resources via the web with the new Fordham homepage.
- ♦A new catalog feature to request customized e-mail alerts about new materials matching specific interests.

These pages remain easy to download for slower internet hookups, retain features like resizable text through browsers and identifying/alternative text on all photographs and other non-text objects for use with screen readers, and keyboard-navigable links. The web pages are in compliance with guide-



University Libraries' new homepage

lines governing web accessibility for users with disabilities.

In short, the light, uncluttered design and clearer organization will help library users make sense of the incredible array of resources available through the Libraries' pages. Experienced users will still find frequently used links on the homepage, while the more prominent location of *Ask a Librarian* encourages immediate consultation with reference staff on questions about library research. See for yourself at

www.libraries.wright.edu.

WSU Faculty & Staff: - Unearth Your Desk with - “Records Management 101” -

Get a jump on your spring cleaning and learn tips to efficiently organize and manage your office files and e-mail. Join Records Manager Chris Wydman for *Records Management 101* 9:30-11:30 am Thursday, April 27, in Room 315 Dunbar Library.

This program is specifically designed for and free for WSU faculty and staff. Learn simple guidelines on what to keep, what to toss, and how to organize it all.

Register for this workshop through the Kettering Center for Continuing Education at www.wright.edu/cpd/ and click on “Employee Programs.” More information is available by contacting Chris Wydman at (937) 775-2017 or chris.wydman@wright.edu.



Carter, VandenBos Retire from University Libraries

The Libraries said regretful good-byes to two retiring staff members in February and March.

Account Technician Roma Carter had been with the University for 30 years and was honored with a reception in Dunbar Library on Feb. 10. She worked in the Technical Services Department and handled the billing and payments of book vendors, among many other things.

Bonnie VandenBos was Senior Library Associate for Course Reserves and Circulation for Dunbar Library and was feted with a reception March 29. She came to the University Libraries in 1999 and was previously employed at the University of Dayton libraries. She was the libraries' contact person for faculty placing Course Reserve materials online, as well as supervisor for the Dunbar circulation area.

The Libraries and the Friends wish them good luck in their next endeavors.

What's Going On in the Archives?

News from the University Libraries' Special Collections & Archives

Women in Aviation Focus of March 8 Symposium

A Women's History Month symposium honored Women in Aviation March 8 at the Dayton Woman's Club. The Libraries' Special Collections & Archives, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Park, and Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc., spotlighted women pilots from the Dayton area. Program features included:

- Amanda Wright Lane giving a tribute to Katharine Wright, sister to Wilbur and Orville Wright
 - Ann Birney portraying Amelia Earhart
 - Women Air Force Service Pilot Nadine Nagle
 - Aviator and wing walker Patty Wagner
 - Martha Lunken from the FAA Flight Standards District Office
 - Lt. Col. Kathryn Staiger, USAF Academy graduate and USAF Reserve and Northwest Airlines pilot
- The symposium drew more than 60 attendees.



Photo by Roberta Bowers, WSU Center for Teaching & Learning

Speakers for the March 8 Women in Aviation symposium included (from left) Ann Birney, Patty Wagner, Nadine Nagle, Kathryn Staiger, and Amanda Wright Lane. Not pictured is Martha Lunken.

Unpublished Dunbar Poem Joins Collection

Special Collections and Archives recently acquired an original hand-written poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar. The unpublished poem, believed to have been written between the years 1900 and 1906, is titled "To Anna C." Dunbar wrote poems to honor friends on special occasions and this particular poem was written for neighbor Anna Coons. Archives has a nearly complete inscribed collection of Dunbar's first editions currently part of a special exhibit in the Dunbar Library lobby. The poem will be added as a featured part of the exhibit in April. An extensive collection of Dunbar's poetry is available online in the Dunbar Digital Text Collection at

www.libraries.wright.edu/special/dunbar/.



Photo by Chris Snyder, WSU Center for Teaching & Learning

Faculty from the WSU Department of English Language and Literatures pore over literary history items during a Special Collections and Archives' open house designed just for them. The open house was held on Feb. 9, the 100th anniversary of the death of Dayton poet Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Exhibits in the Libraries

Exhibits in the Libraries for Spring Quarter include:

Dunbar Library

- Paul Laurence Dunbar 1st editions
- Friends of the Libraries
- National Poetry Month (April)
- Famous Daytonians (May-July)
- Change Your World @ Your Libraries (April)
- Wright Brothers' Patents (May-June)
- Aviation Cover Art
- University Cup Challenge

Fordham Library

- Ambassador Tony P. Hall - Work to Eradicate World Hunger
- History of Medicine Prints, Medical Book classics

All exhibits may be viewed during the Libraries' open hours. Stay tuned for new exhibits throughout the Libraries.

New Book Support Funds Off and Running for 2006 -

The Libraries thank Dr. Elizabeth Harden and Virginia Hess for getting the ball rolling on the new Book Support Funds. The Book Support Funds provide an opportunity to donate to the Libraries with an eye toward expanding the Libraries' book collections in specific areas of interest.

Dr. Harden pledged funds to purchase books in English Romanticism, Irish Studies and Women's Studies, and Mrs. Hess donated funds to purchase books in art, specifically sculpture. The funds are a unique way to share special interests with others while bolstering the Libraries' Collection Development program.

Personalized bookplates with the donor name or the name of an honoree are placed inside each book purchased. This is an excellent opportunity for people to commemorate their own interests or those of a loved one on a one-time or continuing basis.

Donors may also request family and friends to contribute toward their specific book fund.

The Book Support Fund differs from the Legacy Book Program by providing a wider selection of books in a chosen subject area



and offers the potential to bolster the Libraries' Collection Development program. Donations to History or Engineering, for example, will help the Libraries to use previously budgeted funds to support other initiatives. Book Support Fund gifts, therefore, not only help a specific subject area but also help to strengthen all Libraries' services.

Donations are requested in the amounts of \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, or \$2,500 to initiate a Book Support Fund. For more information, please contact Karin Nevius, Coordinator for Development and Public Relations, at (937) 775-2686 or karin.nevius@wright.edu.

Reading Recommendations from Your WSU Libraries -

What could be better than sharing a book recommendation? Following are titles provided by the Libraries' staff of favorites or books they're currently reading and enjoying. Most titles are available at WSU Libraries in its regular or Popular Reading collections, or through OhioLINK. Check for them on our online catalog at www.libraries.wright.edu.

Vishwam Annam, Web Developer

- ♦ *Stop Working & Start Thinking: A Guide to Becoming a Scientist* by Jack Cohen & Graham Medley
- ♦ *The Database Hacker's Handbook: Defending Database Servers* by David Litchfield
- ♦ *Leveraging Web Services: Planning, Building, and Integration for Maximum Impact* by John Edwards
- ♦ *Essential PHP Security* by Chris Shiflett
- ♦ *MySQL: Administrator's Guide*

John Armstrong, Processing Archivist

- ♦ *Nothing But Victory - The Army of Tennessee 1861-1865* by Steven E. Woodworth

Lisa Bleeker, Administrative Coordinator

- ♦ *Inheritance* by Samantha Chang
- ♦ *Snow Flower and Secret Fan* by Lisa See

Deborah Chlebek, Reference Specialist
Marty Jenkins, Head, Technical Services

- ♦ *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* by Charles C. Mann

Will Davis, STAC Coordinator

- ♦ *Amusing Ourselves to Death* by Neil Postman

Stephen P. Foster, University Librarian

- ♦ *Koba the Dread* by Martin Adams

Nathan Greaney, Sr. Library Technical Assistant

- ♦ *I Am Legend* by Richard Matheson

Marty Jenkins also recommends-

- ♦ *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire

Cheryl Lauricella - Reference Specialist

- ♦ *Ahab's Wife* or *The Star Gazer* by Sena Jeter Naslund
- ♦ *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- ♦ *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- ♦ *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott

LeAnn Meyer, Library Student Assistant

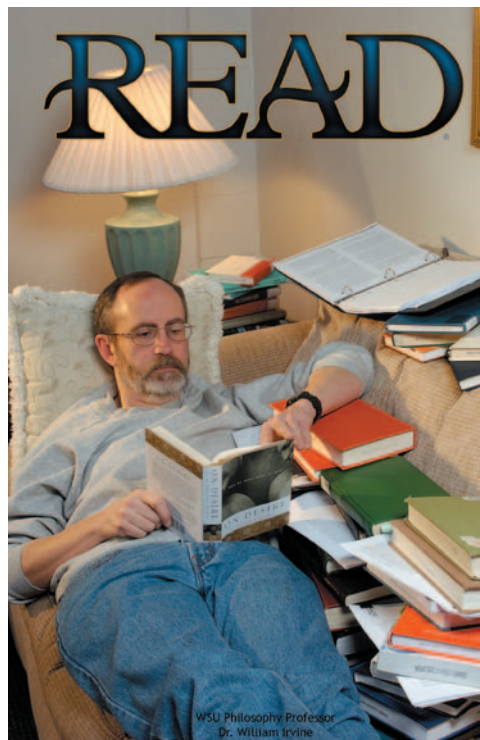
- ♦ *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay
- ♦ The George R.R. Martin Trilogy: *A Game of Thrones*, *A Clash of Kings*, and *A Storm of Swords*

Chris Watson, Director of Library Administrative & Computing Svcs.

- ♦ The Janet Evanovich 'Stephanie Plum' series (currently up to *Eleven on Top*)

Jeff Wehmeyer, Science Team Leader

- ♦ *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri



Dr. William Irvine posed for the WSU Libraries' first official READ poster. The posters are part of a continual American Libraries Association promotional campaign, and the WSU Libraries will create more throughout the year.

Five Reasons to Join the WSU Friends of the Libraries -

Here's the question on everyone's lips: Why should I join the Friends of the Libraries?

Because your membership-

1. Supports an integral part of the WSU campus - the Libraries' collections, services, and programs.
2. Illustrates (modestly and quietly) to others your belief in higher education for personal success and fulfillment.
3. Ensures that you receive information about new services plus invitations to unique scholarly, fun events.
4. Provides access not only to the WSU collections, but also the collections of more than 80 Ohio colleges, universities, and the State Library of Ohio.
5. Puts you in contact with people who share your varied interests.

Friends' 27th Annual Luncheon Featuring DAI's Alex Nyerges

Dayton Art Institute Director and CEO Alex Nyerges will be the guest speaker for the 27th Annual Friends of the Libraries' Spring Luncheon Noon - 1:30 pm Wednesday, May 17, at the Ervin J. Nutter Center Berry Room.

Mr. Nyerges will address the recent collaboration with the Libraries that adds the Dayton Art Institute library as an affiliate to the WSU collections. He will also promote the Princess Diana exhibit currently at the DAI and discuss past and upcoming shows.

The luncheon is \$15 for Friends' members and \$17 for non-members. Check for information *after April 10* at www.libraries.wright.edu/about/events or call (937) 775-2380. Final details about the meal selection will be available after April 10.

In short, why wouldn't you join the Friends? The more you do for the Friends, the more the Friends can do for the Libraries, which benefits you and every WSU student and library patron.

Campus Membership Drive

The Friends are having a campus membership drive through May. Join or renew your membership in April or May and be eligible for a chance at prizes like:

- ❖ Two tickets to the Friends' Spring Luncheon
- ❖ A Dayton Art Institute Family membership

Consider joining or renewing at one of these levels:

- ☐ \$250 Patron
- ☐ \$100 Supporting
- ☐ \$50 Sustaining
- ☐ \$35 Family/Household
- ☐ \$25 Individual
- ☐ \$10 Senior Citizen
- ☐ \$5 Current WSU Student

(Memberships of \$35 and up receive two library cards.)

Please complete our online form at www.libraries.wright.edu/friends/ and mail or deliver it to the University Libraries (address provided on form), or call (937) 775-2380 for information.

Irvine Draws Romantic Crowd for "Cupid's Arrow: Why We Love"

Dr. William Irvine riveted the attention of the crowd for his Valentine's Day talk for the Friends of the Libraries' Lecture Series Feb. 14 on the Dunbar Library fourth floor.

Drawing upon research from his recently-published book, *On Desire: Why We Want What We Want*, he reviewed the habits, likes and dislikes that draw and keep people together. He easily presented ancient philosophy and scientific discoveries in light of everyday relationships, and provided insight into why some work and some don't.

Dr. Irvine answered questions from the audience following his talk,

and signed copies of his book available for purchase. The Friends presented Dr. Irvine with a framed copy of his "READ" poster for the WSU Libraries as a thank-you gift.

Friends' Spring Quarter Lecture speaker Dr. William Irvine signs a copy of his book, "On Desire: Why We Want What We Want," for Friends' Board member Dr. Elizabeth Harden after his presentation on Feb. 14 in the Dunbar Library. Dr. Irvine addressed over 90 people for his timely talk titled, "Cupid's Arrow: Why We Love."

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WSU Center for Teaching & Learning



-Legacy Book Program-

Winter Quarter Donations

The following Legacy Books were added to the Libraries' collections through Winter Quarter 2006.

In Honor of the WSU Dept. of English Language & Literatures:

- *The History of Jenny & Jemmy Jessamy*
- *Eighteenth-Century Women Poets and their Poetry: Inventing Agency, Inventing Genre*

In Honor of the WSU Librarians:

- *The Good Life*
- *Strivers Row*
- *My New Orleans*

In Honor of Katherine Elizabeth Jenkins' 2nd birthday:

- *The Critique of Psychology: From Kant to Postcolonial Theory*

In Memory of Dr. Robert W. Adams:

- *The Legislative Branch* edited by Paul J. Quirk and Sarah A. Binder.

In Honor of Ken McVeagh's 21st Birthday:

- *American Cinema of the 1940's: Themes and Variations* edited by Wheeler Winston Dixon

In Honor of Roma Carter's Retirement:

- *The Spectacle of Flight: Aviation and the Western Imagination*
- *Aviators: A Photographic History of Flight*



Legacy Books are a great holiday gift as well as a way to remember birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other events or to honor someone and their interests. For additional information, please contact Karin Nevius at (937) 775-2686 or karin.nevius@wright.edu, or see www.libraries.wright.edu/about/legacy/